

## A Fisherman's Story

By MARCIA BEVERAGE

"Gals is gals," said the old fisherman as he went on mending his nets, "whether they're poor fisher folk such as we have here the year round or high-flyers from the city. You never can tell what one of 'em's goin' to do. It seems sometimes as if there was a wireless telegraph apparatus that sends a spark from a man's eye into one on 'em when he looks at her, and she drops like a skeeter into a plate o' coal oil."

"Now, there was Miss Markham, who come here first seven years ago, as purty a little thing as a bran new schooner yacht. She wasn't more'n seventeen years old and wore the neatest dresses of any gal on the island. You'd ought to see her swim! She didn't tie up her hair in a lump on the top of her head when she went into the water, but let it trail behind her like a mermaid. Never in my long life did I see anything so likely as Josephine Markham pullin' herself along on her side in water so clear that you could see the whole of her, the sun shinin' on her and the ripples she made and sparklin' at the same time from a jewel she wore on one of her fingers."

"I had nothin' to do then, waitin' for my boat to come out o' drydock, and used to go down to the beach on purpose to see her in the water. Sometimes she'd go in right about here with the other bathers, and sometimes she'd go out yonder on to the end of the dock and take a header. But whenever she paddled she attracted a crowd. One day while I was watchin' her swim off from the beach I saw her lookin' up at the dock at somebody and followed the direction of her eyes with mine. A young feller was standin' alone up there, and I knowed it was him that was attractin' her. He was purty enough, but, laws, there wasn't no stuff in him—pale little chap with big eyes. They was bigger than usual when he watched Miss Markham kind o' wistful, like as though he wished he was swimmin' beside her."

"Every morning after that the little beggar would stand on the dock watchin' for the gal to go in. One day I called up to him, 'Hain't you goin' in, sir?' And he said, 'No.' And I said, 'Never learned to swim?' and he said awfully melancholy-like, 'Yes, I know how, but I can't.'"

"Well, one mornin' when Miss Markham was a-steppin' into the water with her dainty little feet, sort o' shrinkin' 'cause the ocean was cold—it wasn't more than 60 degrees—a lot o' boys was a-sky-larkin' on the dock, and one on 'em, tryin' to dodge another, pushed the little chap off into twenty feet o' water. You'd ought to see the gal skip the breakers and, after gettin' beyond 'em, go for him. The bathin' master didn't happen to be about. I spect the water was so cold he didn't look for bathers. So I run the life-boat down in order to help, launched it and rowed out to the scene o' the accident."

"When I got there I saw the comarnedest sight I ever clapped eyes on. There was Miss Markham strugglin' with a pair o' legs. The little chap's head was down in the water, while the lower part of him was afloat. The gal couldn't do nothin' with him. Once she succeeded in gittin' his head above the surface, but his legs wouldn't go down, and that spoiled the game. She cast a pitiful look at me. I was hurryin' to pull up beside her, and as soon as I came into position I caught a-hold of an ankle and pulled the drownin' man out, his head comin' up last, and got him into the boat. Then I helped the gal in and, takin' the oars, pulled for the beach."

"Them two creatures hadn't never spoken a word to each other, and yet she hung over him as if she'd growed up with him. As soon as I got him ashore I set about bringin' him back to life, for he was unconscious, and, callin' for a barrel, put him on it and rolled him to git the water out of him. What do you think happened? First one of his legs come off and then the other one."

"'He's fallin' to pieces!' screamed a woman who was lookin' on, scared out o' her wits."

"'Poor feller!' said another. 'Did a shark bite 'em off?'"

"'Yes,' a man in the crowd answered. 'They was hangin' by the skin.'"

"'Jist then a man come up who said he was a doctor. He picked up one o' the legs and throwed it down, then picked up the other and throwed that down."

"'Cork!' he said."

"The little chap opened his eyes and looked about for somepin. When he saw the gal he looked relieved and closed 'em ag'in. We carried him to his hotel, and he was soon all right ag'in."

"'What I'm gittin' at is the qu'arness o' gals. I found out afterward that Miss Markham married the little feller she'd saved from drownin'. That's the way they always do in romances, but in romances the heroes have legs. This chap hadn't any; they'd been shot off in the Spanish-American war."

"The gal—she's Mrs. Major Spinner now—comes here still every summer with her husband, and she seems as fond of him as if half of him wasn't cork, but real flesh and blood, like the other half. But, laws, I never kin help larfin' when I think of his legs floatin' the wrong end of him."

"And think of a half cork man gittin' sich a purty gal!"

### BROWNINGTON CENTER

Carl Wells was in Glover last Tuesday.

Charlie Whitehill is quite ill at this writing.

Ivis Campbell has been on the sick list for the past week.

Thomas Smith and family were at Elmer Leonard's over Sunday.

Mrs. F. G. Randall spent last Thursday with friends in Brownington.

Mrs. Jack Woods has gone to Cabot to care for her daughter who is ill.

Mrs. Della Shannon of Stanstead, is visiting her brother, George St. Peter.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Porter of Evansville, spent Sunday at the electric mill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McDowell spent Sunday at Will Leland's, at Evansville.

Job Drown of St. Johnsbury, has been visiting his nephew, Archie Drown.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Leonard of Sheffield, visited at Elmer Watson's last week.

Walter Wiggins of Lowell, Mass., visited his uncle, Edgar Powers, last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Whitcomb of Lyndon, were guests at T. G. Randall's last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fuller of Derby, recently visited Mrs. Fuller's sister, Mrs. Rebecca Badger.

Mrs. Forace Whitehill and daughter Laura, recently visited at Merrill Lewis' in Charleston.

Mrs. Sarah Weeden and Mrs. Martha Burrows have returned to their home here after several weeks' absence.

Mrs. George St. Peter, and grandchildren, Floyd and Alice, spent part of last week with friends in Newport.

Mrs. Chas. Hall who has been stopping with her mother, Mrs. Sarah Miles, has returned to her home in Marlboro, Mass.

Leslie Kelly is at home.

Mrs. N. H. Day is quite sick.

Ed. Barnard has bought the Nourse place.

Leslie Dutton spent several days at home last week.

Eva Day began her school work at Derby last Tuesday.

Miss Mary Newton is visiting at Leon Ross' in Sheffield.

Ethel Newton began her school in East Burke last Monday.

Mrs. Lloyd Keir is stopping at O. A. Grows' for a few weeks.

Mrs. May Boden and children are at the home of her father, B. C. Boden.

Miss Lizzie Bryant spent a few days with friends at Willoughby Lake last week.

Warren Carpenter from Bradford, was in town on business one day last week.

Mrs. Arthur Gelo and three children from Lowell, visited at her home here last week.

Try Autocrat teas and coffees.

### SOME COW TESTING RECORDS

The following table gives the names and records of the cows in the Lamolite Valley Cow Testing association which have produced more than 40 pounds of butterfat or 1000 pounds of milk during the period of 30 days ending July 1, 1915.

Owner of Cow	Name	Breed	Lbs. Milk	Per Cent of Fat	Lbs. B't'fat
D. G. Speir	Grace	Reg. Jersey	839	6.80	57.1
R. A. Ritchie	32	Grade Jersey	1058	5.20	55.
A. J. Gebbie	Hilda	"	1129	4.80	54.2
A. J. Gebbie	Priscilla	Reg. "	1037	5.00	51.9
T. G. Bronson	Princess	"	820	6.20	50.8
A. J. Gebbie	Arline	"	1098	4.60	50.5
D. G. Speir	Bell	"	827	6.10	50.4
T. G. Bronson	Tena	Grade	786	6.10	47.9
A. J. Gebbie	Flora	Reg. "	857	5.50	47.1
D. G. Speir	Waxie	Reg. "	936	4.90	45.9
H. H. Haines	4	Grade	1040	4.40	45.8
E. B. Fay	Flora	"	747	6.10	45.6
J. B. Cook & Son	11	"	750	5.95	44.6
D. G. Speir	Miss Pratt	Reg. "	909	4.90	44.5
G. J. Perkins	Beauty	Mixed	1232	3.60	44.4
R. A. Ritchie	18	Grade Jersey	833	5.30	44.1
T. G. Bronson	Net	Reg. "	842	5.20	43.8
T. G. Bronson	Orsena	"	880	7.60	43.5
R. A. Ritchie	13	Grade "	688	6.40	42.8
R. A. Ritchie	Olga	Reg. "	869	4.90	42.6
T. G. Bronson	Muriel	"	759	5.60	42.5
R. A. Ritchie	14	Grade	881	4.80	42.3
R. A. Ritchie	4	"	976	4.30	42.
G. J. Perkins	Brindle	Mixed	839	5.00	42.
J. B. Lumsden	8	Grade Holstein	1025	4.10	42.
D. G. Speir	Isabella	Reg. Jersey	836	5.00	41.8
T. G. Bronson	Machutta	"	772	5.40	41.7
D. G. Speir	Miss Lambert	"	833	5.00	41.7
T. G. Bronson	Roberta	"	753	5.50	41.4
H. I. Pike	Jersey	Grade	735	5.60	41.3
E. B. Fay	Suzie	"	860	4.80	41.3
G. J. Perkins	Princess	" Holstein	1144	3.60	41.2
T. G. Bronson	Malinchie	Reg. Jersey	912	4.50	41.0
R. A. Ritchie	37	Grade	1025	4.00	41.
E. B. Fay	Spot	"	650	6.30	41.
F. N. Philbrook	Bess	"	922	4.30	40.9
A. J. Gebbie	Bkache	"	702	5.80	40.7
A. J. Gebbie	Dorcas Pratt	Reg. "	824	4.90	40.4
F. G. Casseyah	Molly	Grade	665	6.05	40.2
J. B. Lumsden	2	" Holstein	1174	3.40	39.9
G. J. Perkins	Lilleste	Reg. "	1257	3.10	39.0
J. B. Lumsden	10	Grade	1082	3.60	37.9
G. J. Perkins	Rose 3rd	Reg. "	1107	2.80	31.

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D. G. Speir	Waxie	Reg. Jersey	817	5.9	48.2
R. A. Ritchie	Miss Pratt	"	906	5.2	47.1
D. G. Speir	32	Grade	949	4.9	46.5
D. G. Speir	Esella	Reg. "	769	5.3	41.1
T. G. Bronson	Malinchie	"	863	5.2	44.9
D. G. Speir	Grace	"	726	6.1	44.3
T. G. Bronson	Muriel	"	686	6.4	43.9
D. G. Speir	Helle	"	817	5.3	43.3
D. G. Speir	Miss Lambert	"	881	4.9	43.2
T. G. Bronson	Princess	"	702	5.95	41.8
R. A. Ritchie	27	Grade	772	5.4	41.7
H. H. Haines	4	"	857	4.7	40.8
G. J. Perkins	Beauty	1-2 Jersey, 1-2 Hol.	1150	3.5	40.2
G. J. Perkins	Robin	Mixed	744	5.4	40.2
J. B. Lumsden	Lilleste 2nd	Reg. Holstein	1183	2.8	33.1
J. B. Lumsden	2	Grade	1162	3.4	39.5
G. J. Perkins	Princess	"	1046	3.4	35.8
J. B. Lumsden	1	"	1022	3.5	35.8

The following table gives the names and records of the cows in the Meadow Brook Cow Testing Association, which have produced more than 40 pounds of butterfat during the period of 30 days ending August 4, 1914.

Owner of Cow	Name of Cow	Breed of Cow	Age (Years)	When Fresh	Lbs. Milk	P. Ct. of Fat	Lbs. B't'fat
C. M. Borland	Pansey	Jersey	10	May 20, '14	921	4.8	44.2
C. W. Bean	Fluella Mechthilda	Holstein	10	Mar. 11, '14	1540	4.3	66.2
George Drew	Zora	Gr. Jersey	8	Nov. 15, '13	771	6.8	52.4
S. Noble Clark	Molly	"	6	Feb. 15, '14	847	6.	50.8
G. L. Bickford	Kate	Jersey	3	June 24, '14	907	5.4	48.8
A. J. Duntun	Laura	Gr. Hol.	11	June 15, '14	1048	4	41.
Ralph Devereaux	Posee Pink DeKol	Holstein	7	Feb. 29, '14	1195	3.6	43.

## NEWS FROM IRASBURG

MRS. F. A. FIELD, LOCAL EDITOR

Miss Florence Tinker has engaged to teach in Hardwick this fall.

Henry Cushman of Newport was in town on business Thursday.

Archie Maxwell has sold his farm to John Foust of Farnham, Que.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Messier are visiting relatives in Franklin county.

Mr. and Mrs. Elkins of Manchester, N. H., are guests of E. P. Flint.

Mr. Arthur Taylor and family are attending camp meeting at Claremont, N. H.

Charlie Wheeler and family from Craftsbury were visitors at Geo. Goring's recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Crafts from Bradford, visited friends in town one day last week.

The Ladies' Aid society have postponed their meeting which was planned for this week at L. T. Grows'.

Mrs. T. G. Randall recently received the news of the death of her nephew, C. K. Alger, a former resident of this village.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cummings and Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Cummings visited their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Anne Cummings, last Sunday.

The schools, which were to have begun Monday of this week, have been postponed on account of the prevailing illness scattered in several towns.

Dr. C. K. Alger died at the Samaritan hospital in Philadelphia, Aug. 16. The cause of his death was peritonitis following an operation for appendicitis. He was 47 years of age and leaves a wife and four children, also a father, W. R. Alger, and one brother, E. G. Alger, both of Cheshire, Conn.

The funeral was held from his late residence, 110 Cornell Ave., Strathmore, Pa.

Frank Lapiere has been quite sick for a few days.

Mrs. M. A. Foss is visiting her son, Fred, in Albany.

Miss Mildred Monteith has been visiting her sister at Newport.

Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall are visiting their daughter at Bradford.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Leland of Barton, visited at L. A. Drown's this last week.

Dave Morison and H. Skelburg are working for the Chandler Co., Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Bryant of Boston, Mass., visited his sister, Mrs. D. E. Ellard, on Sunday.

F. S. Foster has returned home from Littleton, N. H., where he has been for the past week.

The Ladies' Aid Society will have an ice cream social at M. W. A. hall, Friday Eve., Sept. 4th. The Evansville cornet band will furnish entertainment. Ladies please bring cake. All invited to attend.

Try Autocrat teas and coffees.

Miss Florence Winget returned to St. Johnsbury academy yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sampson of Berkshire are guests of Mrs. A. E. Templeton.

Mrs. Chester McGoff and son, Harold, are visiting relatives in Montpelier.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Griggs and son, Pearl, are visiting relatives in Alburg.

Henry Priest was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Adams in Danville last week.

T. C. Fisher and family were in Lowell yesterday to attend the wedding of her niece.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dyer of Manchester, N. H., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Fisher.

Olin Webster and family of Richford are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Webster.

John Simino has sold the old Buzzell Lajness blacksmith shop to the grange association.

Murray Pike and Cyrus Metcalf left Sunday for Randolph to enter the agricultural school.

O. W. Metcalf and family visited Mrs. Metcalf's parents in Newport Center over Sunday.

Mrs. Fida Moulton of Nashua, N. H., visited her aunt, Mrs. M. A. Wells, the first of the week.

Monday a reunion of the Cowles family will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Ware.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Metcalf and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Kidder took an auto trip to Montpelier Friday.

Mrs. Delbert Macie was in St. Johnsbury last week to consult Dr. Cramton in regard to her eye.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Healey and Mrs. Chas. Healey spent Monday and Tuesday with relatives in Sheffield.

Jasper Cummings and Miss Pearl Douglass of Coventry were united in marriage by Rev. G. L. Wells recently.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Harlow took an auto trip to Maine recently and Mrs. Geo. Harlow returned home with them.

Mrs. M. A. Wells was in Troy Friday to visit her brother-in-law, C. Cole, who has suffered another shock and is very ill.

Orwell House left today for Lisbon, N. H., where he will attend school. Mr. and Mrs. House expect to move there soon.

Mrs. Emily Shaw is spending two weeks in Boston. Miss Eunice Wheeler is keeping house at the Brewster farm during her absence.

Mrs. N. Robinson of Boltonville and Frank Fletcher of Boston spent a few days with her daughter, Mrs. H. B. Chamberlin, last week.

Dr. P. C. Templeton goes to St. Johnsbury tomorrow to meet the state board of health for the consideration of the epidemic of infantile paralysis.

Elroy Collins is the owner of some Plymouth Rock pullets that are only a few days over four months old and they are laying nearly every day. Who beats?

Park Hurlbert of Washington is visiting his sister, Mrs. Wm. Bennett. Mrs. Wyatt Hurlbert and two daughters of Hyde Park also visited Mr. and Mrs. Bennett over Sunday.

Are you posted on the greatest war the world has ever seen? The Monitor offers a daily six months for \$1 and a fine war map for 15 cents. See page one and send in at once while these offers hold good.

The Congregational society will hold a special meeting at the church parlors Friday evening regarding the calling of a minister. There will also be a meeting of the church members at the same time and place and it is very important that all members be present. Following this meeting the C. E. society will hold a Vermont social to which all are cordially invited.

### WISDOM.

Wisdom does not show itself so much in precept as in life—in a firmness of mind and mastery of appetite. It teaches us to do as well as to talk and to make our actions and words all of a color.—Seneca.

Our wisdom is no less at fortune's mercy than our wealth.—Rochefoucauld.

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